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A Vacation in Porto Rico

The American schools in Porto Rico are the best things in the island. They are taught by earnest, ambitious American girls who are doing more to uplift the people of Porto Rico than all the government, business and churches in the island. The boys and girls who attend these schools are a bright faced and lively lot. They are learning the English language rapidly and are growing up to be clean and progressive instead of dirty and lazy like their fathers and mothers. To say that he is clean is the greatest compliment that can be paid by an American to a Porto Rican.

The morals of the country in the past have been something awful to us of New England birth and training. In 1899 when the official census was taken there were listed over 148,000 illegitimate children in a population of less than one million. Less than 85,000 people in the entire population were married though practically every woman on the island between the ages of 16 and 40 was bearing children Yet the situation was not quite as bad as these figures would indicate.

Under the Spanish rule the church income was derived to a considerable extent from fees charged for marriages. Each marriage under this system cost about \$16 and this sum was greater than the poorer classes could by any possibility pay. There was a method by which a cheaper wedding could be obtained, but to get it the parties were publicly advertised as paupers and the consequence was that marriages were made by agreement instead of by church or civil rite. Of course this lax system was destructive to public morals.

About the worst sights in the island are the cemeteries. They are mostly crowded little yards about as repulsive as could well be imagined. Under the Spanish rule it was customary to rent a grave for a deceased relative and then when the family ceased to pay the annual rent the bones were dug up and thrown into a Harwood Drug Store when the Americans came they found in one corner of the public cemetery one corner of the public cemetery the bones of perhaps fifty thousand people. These bones were buried in one big vault and this sort of thing is

no longer permitted in the island.

One care of the government in the island ought to be to protect the people from certain American business sharks who are trying to get rich quick by preying on a people unused to modern American business methods. One American house has sold to the Whereas my wife, Martha E. McDurfee, has left my bed and board
without just cause or provocation. I
hereby forbid all persons harboring or
plan and is now busy collecting the inplan and is now busy collecting the installments. I have little doubt that hese machines were sold at extravagant prices and that few of them were really needed by the people who were talked into buying them. Indeed the quantity of clothes worn in Porto Rico outside of the cities does not indicate any very crying need for sewng machines anyway. I am told that there are native huts in the country in which the only furniture is a table and Tel. 71-2 sewing machine.

The newspapers of Porto Rico are a pretty poor lot. In and around San Juan are not less than 60,000 of the most prosperous and intelligent people on the island, but there is not a newspaper there as good as the Banner and those published in other towns are even poorer. They are of course all printed in Spanish except one San Juan paper has one page in Eng-

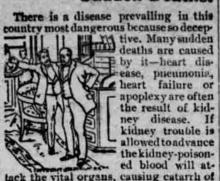
My advice to anybody looking for a business opening would be to keep away from Porto Rico. It is an interesting place to visit, but there are a hundred business chances in the states to every one there and few Americans like to live there. Most of them on the island are trying to make money enough to get back to the United States again. This is not true of all. Some few find the climate delightful and say they do not wish to come

A man with money and skill enough to build, equip and run a first class American hotel in San Juan could get rich and there is no doubt money to be made in coffee, sugar, pineapples and grape fruit, but in any of these lines a newcomer is greatly handi. capped by lack of experience and must put in several years learning what not to do as well as what he ought and can accomplish.

The American troops in the island consist mostly of several companies of native Porto Ricans with American officers and well drilled and apparently effective. There is an insular system of uniformed police which seems to keep the peace as well as the police force of American cities.

There are no sewers in the island except in the three largest cities so

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that conditions of sanitation can be better imagined than described pecially in the larger villages. spite of this the general health of the people is better than in most tropical countries and far better than in the West Indies. Yellow fever is practi cally unknown, small-pox is not serious and epidemic diseases are rare The worst disease on the island is syphilis which is common. It is said that over one third of the native pe ple are affected by it and some esti mate the percentage much higher. To this and the disease called elephantisis is due the many cripples and re pulsive looking invalids that common all over the island.

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SOUTH SHAFTSBURY

Miss Millie Galusha spent Sunday Mrs. Solmon is spending a few days in Hoosick Falls.

Miss Tula Bronson has been out riding and is gaining. Miss Helen Knapp came home from

Miss Dorothy Mattison has returned rom her visit in Troy.

Mrs. D. Baldwin was out on Sunday after her severe attack of tonsilitis. Eugene Deitz and son will begin repairing F. Eddy's residence this week The Mattison-Shuttleworth wedding announcement cards have been re-

Clifford Kline and H. A. Davis were n the village Sunday and called on

Mr. Humphrey has rented Warren Marshall's residence and moved onto

Jesse G. Eddy and a lady friend

The Misses Bessie and Mildred Niles were in the village on Saturday calling on friends.

L. W. Cole was in Bennington Satthe Hyde Drug store. Miss Edith Harris came home from

Albany Business college to spend Sun Miss Bottum, daughter of Lemiuel

Bottum was a guest at her aunts, Mrs. A. B. Hawkins over Sunday. Harry Lathrop will move to North Bennington this week and will for General J. G. McCullough.

Mrs. Mary Seymour Galusha is at-ending Mrs. Mirfield, who has been a shut in" for so many months. Mrs. Alice Becker was with her siser Mrs. Mary Knapp during the last

week or more of her last illness o the M. E. church by letter from her former home church at Benning-

Mr. and Mrs. Shuttleworth of Am-

terdam, N. Y., have been guests at the M. E. parsonage for a few days the Miss Rilla Galusha is home from Worcester, Mass., for a brief visit. She was accompanied by a yeoung

gentleman friend The birthday party in honor of Miss Anna Pleasant 18th anniversary has hed to be deferred on account of the death of her aunt, Mrs. Knapp.

The sickness in the Oscar Cross

family is sad both father and mother afflicted. At last accounts they had not been able to be removed to their Arthur Knapp has rented what is

known as the "school farm" in Arlington and is getting ready to move. He will be delayed a few days owing to he death of his mother.

ence year. There will also be a re-

ception of members who have finished their probationary season. yet. Her sons wife, Mrs. George Bronson has been caring for her and the house since the nurse and her x40 each. Buildings all slated and

daughter went away. Mrs. F. E. Rice gave a tea party Friday afternoon to a few of her friends, Mrs. A. A. Collins, Mrs. Ed ward Millington, Mrs. John Bradish Mrs. Newman Hawkins, Mrs. Aurilla Galusha and was very much enjoyed by all especially the bountiful repast

followed by ice cream. Clarence J. Ferguson of Burlington poke in the M. E. church on Sunday orning in the interest of the Auti Saloon League. Subject of address "The old Spavined Steed" or "The Four Year Old Colt." Mr. Ferguson accompanied Rev. C. S. Agan to his charge at Shaftsbury in the afternoon.

On Saturday evening there will be a meeting of Sunday school officers and teachers to submit ideas and plans for better work in our Sunday school, which we are glad to state is steadily increasing in interest and in numbers. The superintendent, S. E. Hawkins, and his assistant, Harry Mirfield, are greatly interested in the work of inin numbers and work

Owing to the special services conducted by Mr. Emirion the meeting of the W. F. M. society was abandoned. The second week in April will occur the next regular meeting. There will be added interest to look forward to in the coming session as Mrs. Merrill Hitchcock and Mrs. Walter White will be with us. Mrs. Hitchcock has an interesting paper to read. The meeting will be held in the church so there will be room for all interested in missions to enjoy. Keep this in mind, April 8th. Mrs. Mary Cone Knapp died about

o'clock on Saturday morning after

long and painful illness. She has

been a patient sufferer, was ready and willing to go when the last call should come. The deceased was 58 years old She leaves a husband, two sons, Myron and Arthur, also four daughters, Mrs. Lilian Belrose of Woodford, Mrs. Nora Starks, Mrs. Mary Pleasant of Shaftsbury and Miss Hellen Knapp of Pittsfield, Mass. The funeral was held at the church about half past 2 o'clock after the house service, Rev. C. S. Agan officiating. Mrs. Knapp was a member of this church, but for a long time has not been able to go from her home. The burial was the village cemetery. Besides her immediate family are survived by her two brothers Hugh and David Cone, three sisters Mrs. Henry Pleasant. Mrs. Frank Becker and Mrs. David

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No. 147. 11/2 story house slated with rooms, one minute from Main St., 60 acres meadow, 26 in pasture, and and electrics, from 1 to 5 minutes acres in maple grove. Cuts 60 tons walk to Cooper's, Bradford's and Rock- of hay. Two story fourteen room wood's mill. Three extra building lots house with four fireplaces, six closets 55 feet front. All for \$1550.

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pasture, 25 wood lot well wooded with ak, chestnut, ash, manle and beech rods from house. This farm is all vel land, one meadow contains 115 acres with no fencing through it. fencing is woven wire, 40 rods school, 120 rods to church; 2 story with ell, 12 room Queen Ann style ouse. Bath and toilet, hot and cold water, laundry with set tubs, all hard wood floors, natural wood finish. One horse barn 40x56 with basement, ceiled all over inside with chestnut, all iron stalls with iron feed boxes. Box Price \$4200. stalls and carriage apartment, granery On Sunday next will occur the last overhead, spouts to horses; another born 22x40, annex 20x28, cow barn 30 house, cemented cellar, two miles x30; another 22x32, silo 14x29; hog from Cooper's mill, with one acre of house 20x30, corn house 15x25, hen land. Boiling spring three rods from house 20x30, corn house 15x25, hen house 10x15, wool house two stories, Mrs. Edwin Bronson is able to sit 20x25, smoke house made of concrete; up, but has trouble with her throat another barn 40x56 with shed 15x40,

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